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Oral history interview with Vaino Kola

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Vaino Kola
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Creator:	Kola, Vaino, 1937- (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and administrators.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Biographical / Historical

Vaino Kola (1937-) is a painter, printmaker, and instructor in Deer Isle, ME.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Vaino Kola conducted 1991 Sept. 12, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art, in Kola's home, Norton, Mass.

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Kola discusses his childhood in Finland during the war with the Soviet Union, in which his father was an important commander, and during World War II; and the necessity to leave following the war because of the pressure from the Soviet Union. He recalls growing up in Worcester, Mass; learning English; his attendance

at the High School of Commerce; excelling in swimming; attending the Massachusetts College of Art (BFA, 1959) and the influence upon him of teachers Beverly Hallam, David Berger, Calvin Burnett, and Lawrence Kupferman; and his years at the Yale School of Art and Architecture (MFA, 1962) and recollections of Josef Albers and his teaching methods.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 35 min.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Designers -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
- Painters -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
- Printmakers -- Massachusetts -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Massachusetts College of Art -- Students
- Yale University. School of Art and Architecture -- Students